Ocean Thermal Plant in Lakshadweep Island

602. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government to set up an Ocean Thermal Plant in Lakshadweep Islands.

(b) if so, the time by when it is likely to start functioning; and

(c) what is the amount of the funds allocated for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A detailed Feasibility Report for setting up of a 1 M. W. OTEC Plant at Lakshadweep was commissioned through M/s. Metallurgical & Engineering Consultants Ltd., Ranchi, a Public Sector consultancy firm. The estimated capital cost was considered too high even for a Pilot Plant. Different alternatives are, therefore, being examined to reduce the initial cost to enable a final decision in the matter.

(c) The Seventh Plan allocation is Rs. 3 crores.

Power theft cases in the Capital

603. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 182 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 21st July, 1986 and state:

(a) whether Government propose to declare theft of power a cognisable offence keeping in view the growing incidence of power theft cases in the capital; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) and (b) Necessary amendment to Indian Electricity Act, 1910 has already been made making theft of energy a cognizable offence. These provisions are also applicable to the Union territory of Delhi.

Power utilized by Lawrence Road Division

604. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) how much power has been supplied by DESU to the Lawrence Road Division of Delhi during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) how much power was used by Lawrence Road Division for Street Lights etc. and for its office use during the same period; and

(c) what is the quantity of power for which bills have been issued to the consumers during the same period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Present position of Salal and Dulhasti projects

605. SHRI GHULAM RASOOL KAR: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Hydro-electric projects, being constructed by Union Government in J & K State;

(b) what is the latest position regarding Salal and Dulhasti projects;

(c) whether the transmission lines have been constructed from Salal to Srinagar and Jammu; and